GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL STATUS TO KABADDI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to secure international status for Kabaddi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring out the talents in this sport from rural India;

(d) whether the Government is making any efforts to include Kabaddi in the Commonwealth Games to be held in India in 2010;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) : Kabaddi is already included in the Asian Games. In fact, the first World Cup for Kabaddi was organized in India in November, 2004.

(c) Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the Government is providing financial assistance for organizing national and international Kabaddi events in India as well as for participation in international Kabaddi tournaments abroad etc.

(d) There is no proposal to include Kabaddi in the Commonwealth Games to be held in India in 2010.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Kabaddi is not included in the sports programme of the Commonwealth Games.